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Dan Proctor  
Silver Bell Mining Company, Inc.  
P. O. Box 856  
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Re: Variance Requests, Silver Bell Mine, S/049/027, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Proctor:

On October 3, 1995, the Division conducted an inspection of your proposed Silver Bell Mine in American Fork Canyon, pursuant to your variance requests to Reclamation Practices #10 (topsoil salvage and #12 (ripping and tilling), as identified in your Notice of Intent received by the Division January 11, 1995. Enclosed is a copy of the Division's inspection memo.

The Division hereby approves the variance for Reclamation Practice #10, topsoil salvage. Our inspection showed a lack of topsoil at the site (no topsoil had been saved on areas previously disturbed) and the adjacent undisturbed areas had very little topsoil, being mostly rock outcrop and rock fragments (talus). The Division also considered the safety aspect of trying to salvage topsoil on the steep slopes and concluded this activity to be unsafe.

With regards to Reclamation Practice #12, it was determined that the pad areas and roads or other areas of compaction (when no longer needed for mining) should be ripped to improve vegetation establishment. The Division will expect you to rip or till all areas where this can be safely done (generally slopes less than 2 horizontal to 1 vertical).

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler  
Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: 10/3/95 inspection memo  
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